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NO. 18

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VIP TRAVEL

- ¶1. (SBU) The Secretary returned to Andrews AFB at 0015.
- ¶2. (SBU) Bolivian President Morales is expected to travel to Haiti January 17. (TF1/HA/DR SitRep)

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

- ¶3. (SBU) As of 2000 on January 16, five U.S. SAR teams had rescued a total of 23 individuals. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported a total of 58 persons rescued to date by the 27 international SAR teams. (USAID SitRep #8)

COMMODITY FLOW

- ¶4. (SBU) USAID/OFDA has airlifted three mobile water treatment units, 1,920 hygiene kits, and 200 rolls of plastic sheeting from its warehouse in Miami to Port-au-Prince. Coca Cola is donating an estimated 20,000 liters of water. (USAID SitRep #8)

AMERICAN CITIZEN WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS/EVACUATIONS

¶5. (SBU) 754 American citizens were evacuated January 16; the total number of evacuees to date is 1958; 472 persons remain at the Embassy, pending final determination of their status. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

¶6. (SBU) An evacuation flight carrying 96 passengers (both American and Canadian citizens), is scheduled to arrive at McGuire AFB at 0535. CBP will meet and process passengers, who will be bused to Newark and Philadelphia airports for onward travel. (TF1/CA telcon)

¶7. (U) Private American citizen deaths remain at 15. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

MEDICAL RESPONSE

¶8. (SBU) Remaining Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) personnel, previously diverted to Turks and Caicos, are scheduled to arrive in Haiti by 0900 via United States Coast Guard C-130. Their arrival will complete the five DMATs and one International Medical Surgical Response Team. (TF1/OFDA e-mail)

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION/REQUESTS

¶9. (SBU) The UN Security Council will hold closed consultations on January 18 at 1000. Haiti is on the agenda. (UN Security Council Calendar)

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¶10. (SBU) Embassy Madrid has learned from the foreign ministry there will be two distinct Haiti donor coordination meetings on January 18. One meeting, hosted by the EU in Brussels at 0930, includes EU foreign and development ministries. President Fernandez will host the second meeting in Santo Domingo, to which Ibero-American foreign ministers have been invited. (TF1/Embassy Madrid e-mail)

DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSETS

¶11. (SBU) On January 16, the guided missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill headed toward Haiti as part of the U.S. Navy relief effort. (TF1/USCG e-mail)

¶12. (SBU) U.S. military personnel on the ground increased to ¶964. (TF1/SOUTHCOM telcon)

HUMANITARIAN/SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

¶13. (SBU) USCG and SOUTHCOM have determined the capital's commercial wharf and port are unfit to accommodate large vessels. USCG is still assessing the status of nearby piers in Lafiteau and Aubry but reports the Port of Gonaives is now operational. (TF1/USCG Response Update e-mail)

¶14. (SBU) The USCG Cutter Oak is scheduled to arrive in Haiti today with medical supplies. (TF1/USCG Response Update e-mail)

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

¶15. (U) Senegal's presidential spokesperson, Bamba Ndiaye, said President Wade is prepared to offer land in Senegal to Haitians willing to resettle there, calling it part of "their native earth." (AP)

¶16. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at: http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Crisis_Haiti_Earthquake.

¶17. (U) Minimize considered.
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